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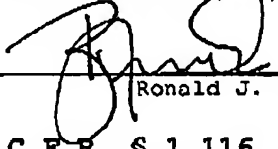
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2006. A petition for a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Action and a Notice of Appeal are being filed concurrently herewith.

Removal of the rejections of the claims is requested in view of the remarks that follow.

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